

Minutes  
Page County Board of Supervisors  
Budget Work Session  
April 9, 2015

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman, At Large  
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., District 1  
David Wiatrowski, District 2  
J. D. Cave, District 3  
Darrell Short, District 4 (Arrived at 7:05)  
Dorothy F. Pendley, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator  
Regina Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the budget work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray, Virginia, noting a quorum was present.

**Fire Training Facility Discussion:**

Jeff Hensley, Fire/EMS Coordinator, explained that the Fire & Rescue Association has indicated that they need more time to gather information on the fire training facility. He said that they could possibly be prepared for the May 5<sup>th</sup> work session to discuss.

**Transient Occupancy Tax Funding Requests:**

Mrs. Moler reviewed that she anticipates an increase in the transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue by \$30,000 from \$620,000 to \$650,000 for FY2016. She indicated that \$29,652 is used to fund half of the salary and benefits for the Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator. Also, 2% of the revenue automatically goes to the General Fund and the remaining must be spent on tourism related activities. In FY2015 the Chamber of Commerce was funded \$245,000, but an additional \$30,000 was later given to them for their digital advertising campaign. In the FY2016 budget request from the Chamber they requested \$275,000, which includes the \$30,000 to continue the digital advertising campaign and she included this amount in the proposed budget.

The Board then reviewed each of the requests for TOT funding as follows:

- ED & Tourism Coordinator - \$29,692
  - 2% TOT to General Fund - \$260,000
  - Artisan's Trail - \$5,000
  - Chamber of Commerce - \$275,000
  - Fields of Gold - \$2,000
  - Performing Arts of Luray (PALS) - \$5,000
  - VFW Bluegrass Festival - \$5,000
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- Trackside Theater - \$2,500 (increased from \$2,000)
- Luray Triathlon - \$10,000
- Shriner's Bluegrass Festival - \$5,000
- Stanley Homecoming - \$5,000
- Luray Cavemen Baseball - \$2,000
- Town of Shenandoah Memorial Day - \$5,000
- Town of Shenandoah Riverfront Bike/Run - \$5,000
- Page County Grown - \$4,000 (increased from \$2,000)
- Shenandoah Veteran's Memorial Park - \$0
- Luray Downtown Initiative - \$0
- Page Valley Cycling - \$5,000 (new request)
- Youth Trout Derby (Town of Luray) - \$1,000 (new request)

Total Allocation - \$624,192

Remainder - \$23,808

**Motion:** Supervisor Guzy moved to proceed with the FY2015-2016 transient occupancy tax funding, as presented by the County Administrator, with the addition of the Trackside Theater at \$2,500, Page County Grown at \$4,000, Youth Trout Derby at \$1,000, and the Page Valley Cycling at \$5,000, leaving a remainder of \$23,808 from the planned \$650,000. Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Woodward, Guzy, Wiatrowski, Cave, Short, Pendley.

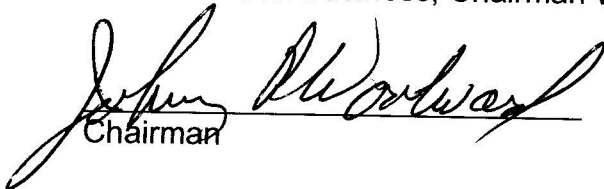
**Budget Wrap-up and Decisions:**

Mrs. Moler explained that she will have to send the budget public hearing advertisement to the newspaper on April 13<sup>th</sup>. She reviewed the amounts proposed for advertisement for each fund. Overall, she noted that there is a \$816,451 increase in the budget; however, there would be a decrease if not for the reassessment, regional jail payments, health insurance increase, pay raises for county staff and teachers, and the tax rate is staying the same.

After discussion, it was consensus of the Board to advertise the proposed budget as presented and to keep the tax rates the same.

**Adjourn:** 7:45 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
County Administrator